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<b>RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION</b>  Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket Confirmation No.	10010186-1 8374
	First Named Inventor	Mauze
	Application Number	09/848,869
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	Group Art Unit	1634
	Examiner Name	Bradley L. Sisson
	Title	Electro-Optical Devices and Methods for Hybridization and Detection

Dear Sir:

This communication is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination and is responsive to the Office Action dated August 12, 2003 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before November 12, 2003. A Petition for a 3-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, making this amendment due on or before February 12, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.